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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-18 and 24-38 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-18 and 24-38 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgment is made of the receipt of the amendment received on 1/23/04. Claims 1-18 and 24-38 are currently pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 3-10, and 24-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Drexler et al. (US 5,559,885) (hereinafter referred to as 'Drexler').

Drexler teaches a card 18 having data stored on a first storage area 23 with a card reader/writer 55. A data conversion terminal 26 downloads data on the first area 23 onto a second area including a pair of magnetic stripes 29 and 30. In order to use entitlements denoted by the data stored of the first area 23, a person goes to the DCT 26. Downloading can be accomplished by providing a menu at the DCT 26 listing a large number of entitlements or categories, subcategories of entitlements and having a person 15 select from the menu a few entitlements to which the person desires to have easy access. Once the data is stored on stripes 29 and 30, it can be read by a variety of magnetic readers. For security, stripes 29 and 30 can be initially erased of data upon presentation of the card 18 to the reader/writer 55 (col. 4, line 37-col. 6, line 46).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2, 11-18, and 31-38 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Drexler in view of Ramachandran (US 6,315,195).

Drexler lacks the teaching of the data conversion terminal including a portable telephone.

Ramachandran teaches a portable terminal 14 which may be integrated into a carrier 62 which may take the form of a cellular phone (col. 9, lines 36-42).

One of ordinary skill in the art would have readily recognized that modifying the teaching of the data conversion terminal with that of a portable telephone would have been beneficial for giving the user of the system the ability to readily access said system since the user can always have access to the portable telephone. Therefore, it would have been obvious, at the time the invention was made, to modify the teachings of Drexler with the cellular phone of Ramachandran.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 1/23/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the argument that the Drexler patent contains no teaching, either explicit or

implicit, to transfer data between a personal data device and a separate transaction card, the examiner submits that the data conversion terminal 26 reads upon the 'personal data device' as broadly interpreted by the examiner. Since the data conversion terminal 26 is for use by a person, however many persons there may be, the data conversion terminal 26 is a personal data device.

In response to applicant's argument that there is no suggestion to combine the Drexler and Ramachandran references, the examiner recognizes that obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. See *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 5 USPQ2d 1596 (Fed. Cir. 1988) and *In re Jones*, 958 F.2d 347, 21 USPQ2d 1941 (Fed. Cir. 1992). In this case, knowledge generally available to one or ordinary skill in the art would have prompted the combination of Drexler and Ramachandran to make the data conversion terminal 26 of Drexler portable. Furthermore, case law exists which ruled that the fact that a claimed device is portable or movable is not sufficient by itself to patentably distinguish over an otherwise old device unless there are new or unexpected results: *In re Lindberg*, 194 F.2d 732, 93 USPQ 23 (CCPA 1952).

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

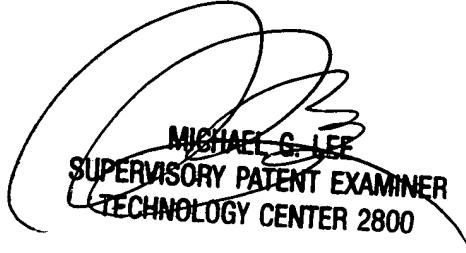
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jamara A. Franklin whose telephone number is (571) 272-2389. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-2398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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